



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
INFORMAL SESSION  
NOVEMBER 2, 2015**

**9:00 A.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ROOM 450**

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order -- Roll Call.** All Present. Council Members Lea and Price arrived late.

Welcome. Mayor David A. Bowers.

**The Mayor recognized Police Chief Perkins who introduced the GTO (Growth Through Opportunity) Cadets from the Police, Sheriff and Fire-EMS Departments.**

**At this point, Council Member Lea entered the meeting. (9:03 a.m.)**

**NOTICE**

This morning meeting and briefings will be televised live and replayed on RVTV Channel 3 on Thursday, November 5 immediately following the 2:00 p.m. session at 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, November 7 at 4:00 p.m.; and video streamed by Internet through Rev.Net Technologies, Inc., at <http://www.wrev.net>. Council Meetings are offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

## **ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

A communication from Mayor David A. Bowers requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. A list of current vacancies is included with the agenda for this meeting.

**(6-0)**

A communication from Mayor David A. Bowers requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(10), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**(6-0)**

A communication from the City Attorney requesting that City Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss or consider the acquisition of real property interests in a portion of real property situated off Materials Yard Road, a private road, in Roanoke, Virginia, bearing Official Tax Map No. 9999999, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**(6-0)**

ITEMS LISTED ON THE 2:00 P.M. COUNCIL DOCKET REQUIRING DISCUSSION/CLARIFICATION AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE 2:00 P.M. AGENDA. NONE.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. NONE.

**AT 9:16 A.M., THE INFORMAL SESSION WAS RECESSED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.**

**At this point, Council Member Lea entered the meeting. (9:17 a.m.)**

**AT 10:19 A.M., THE INFORMAL SESSION RECONVENED AND THE FOLLOWING BRIEFINGS WERE HELD.**

**BRIEFINGS:**

- |  |   |            |
|--|---|------------|
| • Voter Precinct Ordinance<br>(Council Member Bestpitch) | - | 30 minutes |
| • Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update                | - | 30 minutes |
| • Williamson Road Library Renovation/Expansion           | - | 45 minutes |

**AT 12:26 P.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS RECESSED UNTIL 2:00 P.M., FOR A CLOSED MEETING IN THE COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 451, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**



## **ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2015  
2:00 P.M.**

### **CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Call to Order--Roll Call. All present.**

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Rayshon Cobbs, Pastor, Forest Park Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor David A. Bowers.

Welcome. Mayor Bowers.

#### **NOTICE:**

Today's Council meeting will be televised live and replayed on RVTv Channel 3 on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 7 at 4:00 p.m.; and video streamed by internet through Rev.Net Technologies, Inc., at <http://www.wrev.net>. Council meetings are offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION.**

THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE PROVIDES THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT [WWW.ROANOKEVA.GOV](http://WWW.ROANOKEVA.GOV), CLICK ON THE GOVERNMENT ICON.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR DISABLED PERSONS ADDRESSING CITY COUNCIL. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE ADAPTATIONS OR ACCOMMODATIONS BASED ON INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, PROVIDED THAT REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE PRIOR TO THE MONDAY COUNCIL MEETING, OR REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING. ONCE THE COUNCIL MEETING HAS CONVENED, THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER REGISTRATION OF SPEAKERS, EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH; HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL-APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541, OR ACCESS THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE IS SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING CURRENT VACANCIES AND/OR UPCOMING EXPIRATIONS OF TERMS OF OFFICE:

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (REGISTERED ARCHITECT) – ONE  
VACANCY  
FOUR-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2019

BUILDING AND FIRE CODE OF APPEALS/AT-LARGE – TWO VACANCIES  
UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE ENDING JUNE 30, 2016  
THREE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

CITY OF ROANOKE FINANCE BOARD – ONE VACANCY  
UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ONE VACANCY  
UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE ENDING OCTOBER 20, 2017**

**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD – ONE VACANCY  
UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2018**

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE ENDING MARCH 31, 2016**

**TOWING ADVISORY BOARD (LAW ENFORCEMENT) – ONE VACANCY  
THREE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2018**

## **2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

A resolution memorializing the late Frank W. Feather, longtime pastor of Forest Park Baptist Church and former Citizen of the Year.

Adopted Resolution No. 40384-110215 (7-0). The Mayor presented a ceremonial copy to The Reverend Rayshon Cobbs, Pastor, Forest Park Baptist Church.

Recognition of the Roanoke Police Department on receiving first place in the 2015 National Law Enforcement Challenge.

The Mayor presented a Certificate to Captain Samuel Roman and recognized staff.

## **3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:**

CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. ALL MATTERS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE CITY MANAGER FOR RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL, AS HE MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE.

Troy Larimer, Michael Ailstock, Penny Beard, Geoff Campbell, Ben Early and Robert Gravely appeared before the Council.

4.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**  
(APPROVED 7-0)

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- C-1            A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Jim O'Hare as a member (Public) of the Youth Services Citizen Board, effective September 28, 2015.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**            **Accepted the resignation and received and filed the communication.**

- C-2            Report of qualification of Paula L. Prince as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Robin Haldiman ending November 30, 2016.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**            **Received and filed.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.**

**6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.**

**7. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:**

a.            CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1.            Acceptance and appropriation of the State Homeland Security FY15 Grant funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to allow the Roanoke Police Department to replace protective equipment.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40375-110215 and Budget Ordinance No. 40376-110215 (7-0).**

2. Appropriation of the 2015 - 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).  
**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 40377-110215 (6-0, Council Member Ferris abstained from the vote).**
3. Amendment of the City Code to revise the definition of the Sealed Compactor Zone; and to reflect fee schedule in the Fee Compendium, effective April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016, and deletion of fees no longer applicable.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 40378-110215 and Resolution No. 40379-110215 (7-0).**
4. Authorization to submit an application for FY17 transportation alternatives program funds in connection with improvements to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in the vicinity of Fishburn Park Elementary and Virginia Western Community College.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40380-110215 (7-0).**
5. Authorization to enter into a contract with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for acceptance of grant funds awarded through the Industrial Revitalization Fund to renovate the property for use as a Business Acceleration Center.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40381-110215 and Budget Ordinance No. 40382-110215 (6-0, Vice-Mayor Trinkle abstained from the vote).**

#### **COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER.**

The City Manager offered the following comments:

##### Berglund Center

- Seat Replacement Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, in the Coliseum
- Wednesday, November 4, at 10:00 a.m.

#### Virginia Veterans Parade

- Saturday, November 7, in Downtown Roanoke
- 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Parade participants include military units from across Virginia, military marching units and individual veterans accompanied by military, college and high school bands.
- This parade is one of the largest Veterans events in Virginia.

#### Ice Skating is coming to Elmwood Park

- At a press conference last week the city, DRI, and the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport announced that an ice skating rink will be built at Elmwood Park.
- Construction is scheduled to start on November 2.
- Named for its title sponsor, the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport, the new rink will be called "ROA's Elmwood on Ice."
- The rink will officially be open from November 23, 2015, to February 14, 2016, and have varying hours to accommodate skaters.
- Fees for admission will be \$6, with an additional \$2 for skate rentals.
- The full schedule of hours can be found at [www.ElmwoodOnIce.com](http://www.ElmwoodOnIce.com).

#### Harvesting of the Fruits Potluck Dinner and Awards Celebration

- Friday, November 13, at the Jefferson Center.
- 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Annual dinner sponsored by the Office of Neighborhood Services and Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates, in partnership with Roanoke City Council.
- Members of Roanoke City Council and Roanoke Arts Commission will present the 2015 Neighborhood Partnership Awards from the pool of submitted nominations received.
- More than 70 award nominations were received for eight different award categories.
- Participants who attended the national 2015 Neighborhoods USA conference held in Houston, Texas and /or the 2015 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference held in Norfolk will be providing brief reports on the workshops they attended.
- This event is a great opportunity to strengthen the relationship between neighborhoods and the City, and to recognize citizen engagement.



b. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. Financial report for preliminary FY2015 year end results.  
**Received and filed.**
2. Financial reports for the months of July – September 2015.  
**Received and filed.**

c. CITY CLERK:

1. Recommending concurrence in the appointment of Cecelia “Susie” Freeman McCoy as the Deputy City Clerk of the City of Roanoke.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40383-110215 (7-0).**

## **8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

- a. Report of City Council's Task Force on City Code amendments affecting the duties of the Director of Finance. Council Member Raphael E. Ferris, Chair.  
**Received and filed.**

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.**

## **10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.**

## **11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
**Council Member Lea suggested that Council adopt a resolution honoring Virginia Tech Football Coach, Frank Beamer upon his retirement at the end of 2015; whereupon, the matter was referred to the City Attorney to draft the appropriate measure.**
- b. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

**Appointed Thomas Powers as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Victoria M. Cox ending November 30, 2018.**

**Appointed Kristine Safford, Paula Williams, Timothy Harvey and Joyce Watkins as members (Public) of the Youth Services Citizen Board to fill the unexpired terms of office of Jim O'Hare, Crystal Hall, Lorena Wilson and Dawn Board ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2016, respectively.**

**Appointed Paula Williams as a Director of the Economic Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of office of Brian K. Redd ending October 20, 2017.**

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

**12. ADJOURNED – 3:55 P.M.**